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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: MODE - TREASURY REQUEST TO INCREASE STAFF OF
CUSTOMS OFFICE

1. LETTER FROM TREASURY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO
ADD ONE AMERICAN AGENT POSITION TO STAFF OF CUSTOMS OFFICE
IN TAIPEI.

2. FOLLOWING RATIONALE PROVIDED. QUOTE: IN JUNE 1974, THE
TAIPEI OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN AN EFFORT TO RELIEVE THE
OVERBURDENED HONG KONG OFFICE. AS OF APRIL 1975, THE TAIPEI
OFFICE HAS THE LARGEST PER AGENT BACKLOG OF ANY OF CUSTOMS'
FOREIGN OFFICES. THERE IS PRESENTLY ONE STAFF POSITION FOR
THE TAIPEI OFFICE.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM, OFFICERS HAVE BEEN
SENT TDY FROM THE TOKYO OFFICE IN FEBRUARY AND JUNE OF THIS
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YEAR. ALTHOUGH THIS PROCEDURE HAS PROVIDED SOME TEMPORARY

RELIEF, THE CASELOAD PROBLEM IS PREDICTED TO BE A LONG TERM
ONE AND THE CONTINUANCE OF THIS PRACTICE IS ECONOMICALLY
UNFEASIBLE AND DISRUPTIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE TOKYO
OFFICE. END QUOTE.

3. APPROVAL OF REQUEST WILL REQUIRE INCREASE OF CUSTOMS
MODE CEILING WORLDWIDE. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, CHANGE
WOULD BRING CUSTOMS AUTHORIZED LEVEL IN TAIPEI TO TWO US,
ONE FN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. COMMENTS BY COM CONCERNING ABOVE
REQUEST, INCLUDING EXPLANATION OF NATURE AND EXPECTED
DURATION OF AGENT BACKLOG, AND ANY IMPACT ON MISSION'S
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT VIS-A-VIS CUSTOMS OFFICE OR OTHER
RESPONSIBILITIES. SISCO

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